Worksheet
Fiscal Capacity & Municipal Facilities

<u>Review Fiscal Capacity & Municipal Facilities</u>

Issues, Need, Concerns, Comments, Questions

- The City provides a full range of municipal services.

- Regional Services/programs include: Emergency Services, Utilities, Solid Waste, Schools, and Recreation. Library, Technology, & Economic Development.

- What other regional service opportunities could be considered.

- Education services include elementary, middle and high school ages in addition to adult and preschool programs. Some items for discussion include:
    1. Pre-school programs
    2. Test scores
    3. Educational programs
    4. Graduation rates
    5. Future Enrollment
    6. Building & facility condition and needs
    7. Future directions
    8. Education funding from the state and federal governments.

- Emergency Services/ Fire, Rescue and Police.

- Public Works activities range from snow plowing to road repair and a great deal in between.

- Library services and new demands and trends.

- Future municipal building and facility needs.

- Solid Waste and recycling.

- The Kennebec Sanitary District.

- Storm water control and other related CSO issues.

- The importance of a Capital Improvements Plan and finding the dollars to keep municipal infrastructure in good working condition in tough financial times.

- What other funding sources are available to the City such as grants for capital items and programs?

- The revenue outlook from state and federal funding sources.

- Between 2008 and 2012, municipal valuation and tax assessment have been relatively stable.

- Residential properties account for 46% of assessed value.

- Commercial properties account for 27% of assessed value.

- Tax-exempt properties account for 22% of assessed value.

- The City provides services which benefit neighboring communities because it services as a regional service center.

- Are there municipal funding opportunities possible in addition to the property tax and could any of these options be viable for the State of Maine?